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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
ORNAN A. GERSTEL ET AL. ) : Examiner: A. Bello  
Application No.: 09/886,153 ) : Group Art Unit: 2633  
Filed: June 22, 2001 ) :  
For: SHARED OPTICAL RING )  
PROTECTION IN A MULTI- )  
FIBER RING ) : November 22, 2004

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## **RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, Applicants elect, without traverse, to proceed with the prosecution of Species I shown at least in Fig. 3.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 22, 2004.

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November 22, 2004  
Date of Signature

Claims 1-17, 51-58 and 72-86 are believed to read on the elected species.

Claims 72 and 76 were deemed as being generic in the Office Action.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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